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SUBJ: ALI MURTOPO TO LISBON

REF: A. JAKARTA A-159 B. JAKARTA 11598 C. LISBON 4041

D. JAKARTA 11757

1. PALACE OFFICIAL (DEWANTO) INFORMED AMBASSADOR OCTOBER 6 THAT PRESIDENTIAL CONFIDENT ALI MURTOPO LEAVING FOR LISBON OCTOBER 7 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP OFFICIALS ON FUTURE OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR. DEWANTO STATED THAT ALI WILL ASK GOP TO HOLD A PLEBISCITE IN TIMOR IN 1975. ADDING THE GOI WOULD LIKE USG SUPPORT IN THIS REQUEST. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT USG IS NOT INVOLVING ITSELF IN PORTUGAL'S DECOLONIZATION PROCESS.

2. ALI MURTOPO, WHO IS ALSO DEPUTY OF BAKIN (STATE INTELLIGENCE BOARD) IN CHARGE OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS (OPSUS),
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HAS STRONGLY ADVOCATED MERGER OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR INTO

INDONESIA FOR SECURITY REASONS(REF A,B). OPSUS SOURCES HAVE ADVISED EMBASSY IN PAST THAT OPTIMUM AIM OS TO NEGOTIATE MERGER WITH PORTUGAL. IN VIEW OF REPORTED WEAKNESS OF PRO-MERGER APODETI PARTY IN PORTUGESE TIMOR AND DIFFICULTY OF ASSURING ITS VICTORY IN GENUINE PLEBISCITE, WE SUSPECT MURTOPO WILL PROPOSE TO GOP A PREARRANGED "PLEBISCITE" THAT WOULD DEMONSTRATE PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR MERGER ALREADY AGREED UPON BY INDONESIA AND PORTUGAL.

3. MEANWHILE, FONMIN MALIK CONTINUES TO STATE PUBLICLY THAT INDONESIA WIL NOT INTERFERE IN PORTUGESE TIMORESE SELF DETERMINATION AND THAT IF THEY REJECT MERGER AND CHOOSE INDEPENDENCE, INDONESIA SHOULD NOT BE CONCERNED. FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND ON MALIK'S STATEMENTS FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM UNGA AND TLAKS WITH PORTUGESE FONMIN SOARES SEE SEPTTEL.

4. ACTION REQUESTED LISBON: WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY LISBON MIGHT BE ABLE TO OBTAIN ON MURTOPO VISIT.
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